

Dexter City Update

Fall 2019

Volume 5, Issue 4

Inside This Issue

Fall Leaf Collection	1
November Home Maintenance Checks	2
Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2	2
Dexter Farmers Market Closure	2
Holiday Hustle Road Closures	2
Rapid Flashing Beacons	2-3
News from the WWTP	4

City Office Closure

The City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 28th and 29th. There will be no trash delay that week or the following week.

Fall and Winter Leaf Collection

Each Fall, the City of Dexter Department of Public Works (DPW) collects loose leaves. This is in addition to bagged compost collection by Waste Management and the DPW's weekly brush pick-up. Leaf collection for Fall 2019 started the week of October 14th. For the past few years, we have noticed that the leaves from pear trees and oak trees, mostly located in the newer neighborhoods, have been losing their leaves later in the season. To accommodate this, we have created the following schedule for loose leaf and bagged compost collection. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the e-mail update to keep informed about any changes in this schedule due to the weather.

- Week of October 14th – Loose leaf collection started.
- November – Brush pick up switches to every other Wednesday. November dates are November 13th and November 27th.
- Monday, November 25th – Last day of bagged compost/yard waste pick-up by Waste Management.
- Week of December 9th – Loose leaf collection ends.
- Bagged leaves will be picked up by the DPW while they are doing brush pick-up on December 23rd (due to the holiday), January 8th and January 22nd. This is to accommodate the residents whose trees lose their leaves late in the season.
- No compost/yard waste bag pick-up by the City or Waste Management will occur in February or March.
- Monday, April 6, 2020 - Waste Management resumes bagged compost/yard waste pick-up.

Loose leaf collection reminders.

- Park cars as far away from leaf piles as possible.
- Make sure there is no debris in the leaf piles (garbage, sticks, etc).
- Leaves should be piled as close to the curb as possible and not placed into the road, ditches, storm drains or parking places.
- The closer the piles are to the curb, the quicker they are able to be collected by the equipment.

City E-Mail Update

Interested in timely Dexter News?

Sign up for the email list by emailing the City Manager at CNicholls@DexterMI.gov

November Home Maintenance Checks

November is a good month to perform the following routine home maintenance checks:

Exercising Water Shut Off Valves

Each developed property in the City has a water shut off valve inside of the structure. In a home this is typically found in the basement; in a business this is typically found in a utility room. Valves may also be located behind refrigerators for the water supply to ice makers. For instructions on how to perform this exercise, please see the City's Winter 2019 Newsletter.

Check Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors' Batteries

Fall is a good time to test/change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Did you know....smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have a life expectancy of 10 years. If your detectors are over 10 years old they should be replaced. Old smoke and carbon monoxide detectors should be recycled at the Washtenaw County Home Toxics Drop-Off Center at 705 N. Zeeb. Drop-off is available on the first three Saturdays of the month, April through November, from 9 am to 12 pm.



Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2

Construction is anticipated to start on the Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2 project this coming winter and is expected to be complete by July 2020. There are no road closures expected with this project, but there may be some impacts to the trail where the new trail connects at the southernmost point of the boardwalk.

Dexter Farmers Market

Thank you to everyone who supports the Dexter Farmers Market. The Dexter Farmers Market is currently taking a survey of customer experience. This survey can be found on the City of Dexter Farmers Market Facebook page or the Farmers Market page on the City's website at <https://dextermi.gov/farmers-market>. Any questions may be directed to the Market Manager at FarmersMarket@dextermi.gov.

Holiday Hustle and Small Town Holiday Parade Road Closures

The 2019 Holiday Hustle 5K & 1-Mile Run and the Small Town Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 14th.

The Holiday Hustle will begin at 4:00pm in Monument Park and will end around 6:00pm. The following roads will experience temporary closures as participants pass: Central St., 5th St., Dover, 2nd St., Inverness St., Lake St., Meadow View Dr., Quackenbush, Noble Dr., York St., Meadowview Dr., Dexter Ann Arbor Rd., and 3rd St.

The Small Town Holiday Parade will begin at Wylie Elementary at 6:00pm, and will run down Inverness St. to Dexter Ann Arbor, down Main St. to Dexter-Chelsea Rd.

Rapid Flashing Beacons

On the following page is a flyer that provides instruction and tips in the use of the new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBS) that have been installed in four locations in the City of Dexter. These locations are: 1) Baker Rd. near Creekside Intermediate School; 2) Ann Arbor St. near Kensington; 3) Dan Hoey Rd. near Walkabout Creek Apartments; and 4) Dan Hoey Rd. near Lexington.



RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS (RRFB)

RRFBs can enhance safety by increasing driver awareness of people who want to cross the street at a crosswalk. When installed at unsignalized crosswalks, the RRFBs have been shown to be more effective than standard signing and pavement markings alone. RRFBs are activated by pedestrians and bicyclists by manually pushing a button. Once the button is pushed, a highly visible flashing pattern, similar to flashers on emergency vehicles, alerts drivers that a person wants to cross the street.

Pedestrian Tips

ALWAYS REMEMBER: STOP. LOOK LEFT, THEN RIGHT, AND LEFT AGAIN BEFORE CROSSING.

- ⇒ Push the button to turn on the RRFB.
- ⇒ Check for traffic before using crosswalk. Walk defensively and make eye contact with drivers to ensure that they see you. Never assume that you are seen or that a motorist will yield.
- ⇒ While crossing stay within the crosswalk and continue to check for traffic.
- ⇒ **Don't leave the curb or go into the path of a vehicle which is so close that the driver can't yield.**



How does a RRFB Work?

1. A pedestrian activates the RRFB by pressing the button.
2. The RRFB begins to flash to alert drivers that a pedestrian wants to cross the street in the crosswalk.
3. Flashing lights facing the pedestrian confirm the activation of the RRFB.
4. The RRFB flashes for a set time that allows a pedestrian adequate time to cross the street.
5. After the allocated time has passed for the pedestrians to complete their crossing, the RRFB turns off.



CITY OF DEXTER

www.dexter.mi.gov | 734-426-8303

Driver Tips

DRIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN A CROSSWALK.

- ⇒ A driver must yield to pedestrians within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is in or near the same half of the street as the driver, even if the RRFB is not activated.
- ⇒ Be alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- ⇒ Do not drive distracted, including talking or texting on your phone.
- ⇒ Yield, slow down or stop if necessary if a pedestrian is crossing within a crosswalk.
- ⇒ Do not pass another vehicle that is stopped at or slowing down for a crosswalk.
- ⇒ Refer to the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code for legal responsibilities of the driver.

City of Dexter
8140 Main St
Dexter MI 48130
(734) 426-8303

Mayor:
Shawn Keough

Council Members:
Scott Bell
Paul Cousins
Donna Fisher
Julie Knight
Zach Michels
James Smith

City Staff
Courtney Nicholls
City Manager
Justin Breyer
Clerk/Asst. to City Manager
Michelle Aniol,
Community Development
Mike Auerbach
Assistant Planner
Carol Jones
Recording Secretary
Dan Schlaff
Public Utilities Superintendent
Marie Sherry
Treasurer/Finance Director

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID PERMIT NO. 100
DEXTER MICHIGAN

The City Offices are located at 8123 Main St, 2nd Floor, above the PNC Bank. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Elected Officials:

Mayor
Shawn Keough: SKeough@DexterMI.gov (313) 363-1434

Council Members
Scott Bell: SBell@DexterMI.gov (734) 646-5465
Paul Cousins: PCousins@DexterMI.gov (734) 548-3293
Donna Fisher: DFisher@DexterMI.gov (734) 649-5169
Julie Knight: JKnight@DexterMI.gov (734) 426-4961
Zach Michels: ZMichels@DexterMI.gov (734) 726-0616
Jim Smith: JDSmith@DexterMI.gov (734) 426-8885

Staff:

City Manager: CNicholls@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2229
Clerk/Asst. to the Manager: JBreyer@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2234
Treasurer/Finance/Assessor: MSherry@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2231
Community Development: MAniol@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2233
Assistant Planner: MAuerbach@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2235
Utility Billing: EAiken@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2232
Administrative Assistant: BTuscano@DexterMI.gov (734) 580-2230
Public Works: KAugustine@DexterMI.gov (734) 426-8530
Public Utilities: DSchlaff@DexterMI.gov (734) 426-4572

Utilities After Hour Emergencies: (734) 368-5212

News from the Wastewater Treatment Plant

During recent preventative maintenance work, City wastewater crews discovered significant build-ups of egg shells in certain residential areas. As egg shells do not dissolve in water, they are not appropriate to be put down the sink or into the sewer system. Egg shells should be thrown in the trash or composted.

